soon. Any earth bund is sure to give way by floods. So whether it is done during monsoon or summer, it is a question whether the water will overtop the bund.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Are there not other roads where the water overflows the earth-work? For instance, the Manali road is one where every year water is overflowing. It does far more heavy damage. We are spending every year over the bund.

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

The Trikkur road is not so important a road as the Manali road. There is another case where we have spent more money, and that is the Perumpuzha causeway.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

The Trikkur road is one that ends in a ferry.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

Sir, I rise to a point of order. I want a ruling as to whether, when a member is asking a supplementary question, several Government members can answer, and whether other members can answer in their place. I find here more than one official member answering, and in some cases, non-official members also answering. I do not think it is proper for the House to allow that.

President.—I think it is objectionable.

The Kurumali Bund.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

72. What is the amount spent on the Kurumali bund? Was it not started at the request of the public and with the approval of the Diwan Peishkar and the Diwan, and why has this been abandoned?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

Rs. 22,220-14-9. The work was ordered at the request of the people. During floods, the new bund breached in several places, and it was found that the scheme was not a practicable one as it was difficult to maintain it. It was therefore abandoned.

Water Communication to Kunnamkulam.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

73. With reference to the representation made in the last session of the Legislative Council regarding the necessity of extending water communication to Kunnamkulam, will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken and

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if no action has been taken, whether the Government intends to take any step in this matter in the near future ?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

The question of connecting the Counooly canal with the Vettikadavu canal between Kunnamkulam and Palanji for navigation purposes is being investigated.

The Condition of the road leading from Akkikkavu to Palanji.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

74. Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representation has been made to the Government regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the road leading from Akkikkavu to Palanji and whether any active step has been taken to improve the condition of the road referred to?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON.

Yes, the road in question is only a 3rd class one with an allotment of Rs. 150 per mile. Metal collection on this road has been recently completed, and the best use will be made of the metal to put the road in order.

Communications in the Vellarappalli Constituency.

Mr. O. R. CHUMMAR.

75. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) How many canals cut across the road that runs from Chowwara *via* Kanjur to Malayattur ?

(ii) Whether there is any other road connecting the villages of Chowwara, Vadakkumbhagam, Kizhakkumbhagam and Malayattur ?

(iii) What will roughly be the cost of constructing a bridge over the Chengal canal ?

(iv) Whether the Government have ever considered the question of constructing a bridge over the Chengal canal ?

(v) If the Government have considered the question, what is their decision ?

Mr. V. K. ARAVINDAKSHA MENON

(i) Five. One of these cuts the road belonging to Travancore.

(ii) None except the one mentioned above. There are the Kanjur road and the Vallam road touching Vadakkumbhagam and Kizhakkumbhagam and the road from Angamali crosses the main road.

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